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SUBJECT: ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CHILE

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1. ON ASSUMPTION THAT PRINCIPAL LA MEMBERS OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE WILL ABSTAIN U.S. DEL INSTRUCTED ABSTAIN ON DRAFT RESOLUTION. IF PRINCIPAL LA DELEGATIONS ON COMMITTEE INTEND VOTE IN FAVOR U.S. DEL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

2. U.S. DEL SHOULD DELIVER BRIEF STATEMENT IN EXPLANATION OF ABSTENTION AS FOLLOWS:

- MY DELEGATION ABSTAINED IN THE VOTE ON THE DRAFT

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RESOLUTION ACTED UPON TODAY BECAUSE IT CONTAINS SOME

PROVISIONS WHICH GO BEYOND WHAT MY GOVERNMENT REGARDS AS THE APPROPRIATE ACTION WHICH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE ON THE TWO REPORTS WHICH UNDERLIE THE RESOLUTION. THE ACTION CALLED FOR IN THE RESOLUTION IN PART PARALLELS THAT ALREADY TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BODY IN CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORTS. OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE UNDERLYING REPORTS AND THEIR FINDINGS. IT IS WITH

RESPECT TO THOSE PROVISIONS THAT WE REGARD THE RESOLUTION AS PARTICULARLY DEFECTIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, MY GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS BODY ADDRESSING TO THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES A CALL FOR A GENERAL AMNESTY APPARENTLY GOING BEYOND THE TRADE UNION SITUATION WHICH WAS THE ORIGINAL OBJECT OF INQUIRY. IT IS ALSO OUR VIEW THAT THE ASSERTION IN ONE OF THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS THAT "NO REAL IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED" SINCE LAST YEAR IS NOT FULLY SUPPORTED BY SOME STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS THEMSELVES.

- WE REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION PROPOSED TO US, BECAUSE IT ADDRESSES A SITUATION WHICH HAS CAUSED DEEP CONCERN TO MY GOVERNMENT. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE PROGRESS REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE BY THE GOVERNING BODY WILL SHOW CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN THE TRADE UNION SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY, AND THAT THE ATTENTION WHICH THE REPORTS HAVE FOCUSED UPON THE SITUATION IN CHILE WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT.

- WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES WHICH IT ACCEPTED IN ADHERING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, AND IN BECOMING A PARTY TO THOSE CONVENTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAVE FIGURED IN THE COMMISSION'S REPORTS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT JOINS THOSE OTHER DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE SPOKEN IN THE DEBATE UPON THE RESOLUTION ACTED ON TODAY IN URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO ACCORD FULL RESPECT FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL CIVIL AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS OF ITS WORKERS

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